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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Support Division

FROM:

Chief, External Activities Branch

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report

1. On 19 May 1980, a staff employee advised the External Activities Branch that she had been bilked out of \$450 along with a number of other unsuspecting citizens. In essence, three elderly women rented an attractive residence in Virginia from an owner who resided in Panama. The three ladies did not keep up their rent payments and were asked to vacate. Prior to moving, they ran a classified ad in the Washington Post offering this lovely home for rent at a very reasonable price. Apparently, a number of perspective renters placed a security deposit with the rentees with the intention of moving into the premises at the first of the month. In the meantime, the deposit checks were cashed and the old ladies disappeared.

2. The above information might be of interest to all personnel, as this is not the first or last example of an Agency employee becoming the victim of "flim-flam" operators. In almost every "flim-flam" case, the victims are offered a chance to get rich quick or a bargain they cannot resist. Further, the victims are convinced that they must act without further investigation before someone else beats them to the deal.

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